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*For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.*

TESTIMONIES IN FAVOUR OF VACCINATION; EXTRACTED FROM THE APPENDIX TO THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL VACCINE ESTABLISHMENT,\* APRIL 22D, 1813.

*Copy of a Letter from the President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.*

February 20th, 1813.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of the 5th January, I am directed by the Royal College of Physicians to inform you that during the year 1812, Vaccination has continued to be practised in this city as formerly, with uninterrupted success; that there have been very few instances where inoculation for the small pox has been insisted on; and that the mortality from natural small-pox has, in as far as the Royal College can judge, been very inconsiderable in this part of Scotland.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

JAMES HAMILTON, JUN. M.A.  
President.

To Dr. HERVEY, Register of the National Vaccine Institution.

*Communications from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.*

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, in reply to the request of the National Vaccine Board, have only to announce, as on former occasions, their unanimous and undiminished confidence in the security which vaccination affords against the small-pox. They have also every reason to believe, that the public

confidence remains undiminished. Among the higher ranks, vaccination continues to be universally practised, and though among the lower orders it has rather diminished for the last two or three years, the College attribute this entirely to the absence of any alarm from small-pox, and in no degree to a want of confidence in vaccination; for such want of confidence would naturally have led to applications for variolous inoculation; and this has not occurred within the knowledge of any member of the college.

The college regret, that from the want of regular public registers, they are unable to give any account of the mortality from small-pox in Scotland, or the proportion of the population that has been secured against small-pox by vaccination. They beg leave to suggest the propriety and importance of adopting some plan by which this knowledge may be obtained; for there is every reason to believe; that as small pox becomes more rare, vaccination will, among the lower orders, be still more neglected.

JAMES LAW, President.  
*Edinburgh, 15th January, 1813.*

*Copy of a Letter from the President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow.*

Glasgow, 17th Feb. 1813.

SIR,

YOUR Letter of the 5th of January, having been laid before the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, a Committee was appointed to report thereon, and reported as follows:

"The Committee appointed to report to the Board of the National Vaccine Establishment, on the progress of vaccination in Glasgow, beg leave to state, that the deaths by small-pox, in the year 1812, have in that city amounted to 24; where-

\*The Report of the Vaccine Establishment was published at page 142, Vol. 11; and the Resolutions of the Royal College of Surgeons, at page 494, Vol. 10, of the Belfast Magazine.